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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 27 YEARS  
IMPRISONMENT FOR HIS ROLE IN GROUP FORMED TO  
ROB DRUG DEALERS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SHERMAN EMERSON, 32, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 327 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his conviction at trial April 19, 2005 for Conspiracy to Possess With Intent To Distribute Over 5 Kilograms of Cocaine. This conviction stems from a joint investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) the Indianapolis Police Department's Homicide Section, and the PROJECT SUPER ACHILLES TASK FORCE.

EMERSON and five other members of an Indianapolis based robbery crew conspired to commit armed robberies of drug dealers in November and December of 2004. EMERSON and other robbery crew members were videotaped as they met with an undercover Alcohol, Tobacco

Firearms and Explosives special agent and planned details of an armed robbery of 20 kilograms of cocaine, which has an estimated street value of \$500,000, from a storage facility on the westside of Indianapolis.

EMERSON and the other defendants were arrested on December 5, 2004. At the time of arrest, law enforcement officers recovered four semiautomatic firearms, numerous ski masks, and a roll of duct tape.

Four of EMERSON'S co-defendants were sentenced in late June by U.S. District Court Judge David F. Hamilton. They were sentenced as follows:

DANIEL CANNON 330 months

DEANDRE DOUGLAS 270 months

ANDRE MANN 181 months

STEPHEN COLEMAN 180 months

A sentencing hearing for WILLIAM INGRAM, the organizer and leader of the robbery crew is scheduled for August 3, 2005, before Judge Hamilton in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 5 years supervised release following EMERSON'S release from imprisonment. EMERSON was also fined in the amount of \$1,000.

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